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**A Journey to**

# A Globally Responsible Wales

**1: Ensuring that our supply chains are fair, ethical and sustainable**

**2: Supporting sustainable behaviour** and making the connections

**3: Playing our part to ensure** that Wales is welcoming, safe and fair to all

**4: Ensuring that we understand** the importance of using the earth's resources efficiently and contribute to global well-being

**5: Making the right financial decisions now,** to enable future generations to thrive





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In the Well-being of Future Generations Act, this goal is defined as

*“A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.”*



## Defining the goal

It was Martin Luther King Jr. who said: 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on half the world.'

Our daily actions, the decisions we take and the way we decide to spend our money have far-reaching consequences for other countries and people across the globe. Estimates show that we would need over 1.7 Earths to keep up with our current level of growth and consumption.

It is vital that when thinking about improving the well-being of people in Wales, we are also thinking about our impacts on others. We are not just global consumers but global citizens, and we have a responsibility to ensure we are not acting at the detriment to others. This means ensuring we are engaging in ethical supply chains, using our fair share of the earth's natural resources, adapting to climate change, working to make Wales a welcoming place for everyone, making the right financial decisions and educating others on the importance of global responsibility.



### Case studies

Throughout the document you will find a number of reports relating to the topic subject. Please read the link if you see this symbol.



## Defining the goal

Where to focus action in contributing to this goal

**Procure goods and services in ways that makes a positive contribution to global well-being**

[\(See globally responsible Wales journey topic 1: Ethical Consumption and Procurement\)](#)

**Provide opportunities for people to learn about and understand our global impact**

[\(See globally responsible Wales journey topic 2: Global Citizenship and Leadership\)](#)

**Ensure that our communities are welcoming to all, contributing to social and cultural well-being**

[\(See globally responsible Wales journey topic 3: Solidarity and Peace\)](#)

**Use natural resources wisely, contributing to environmental well-being globally and in Wales**

[\(See globally responsible Wales journey topic 4: Our Fair Share of Natural Resources\)](#)

**Making financial decisions that improve economic well-being globally and in Wales**

[\(See globally responsible Wales journey topic 5: Fair and Ethical Investment and Divestment\)](#)



## Other statutory requirements in relation to this goal

**The Modern Slavery Act 2015** was designed to combat modern slavery in the UK, and consolidates previous offences in relation to trafficking and slavery. There is government guidance for organisations on how to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in their business or supply chains here.



Some of the suggested [steps](#) and actions in this document complement the policies set out in legislation - specific steps and actions that adhere to these are highlighted in orange and with an 'St' symbol.

## Enablers

Achieving this goal is **more likely to happen** when...

- **There is strong support from civil society for actions that have a positive global impact.**
- **It is accepted that diversity unites communities rather than divides them.**
- **The importance of global actions is appreciated and understood: they are not seen as a simple, nice-to-do 'add-on' to business as usual.**
- **Politicians and other senior leaders have the vision to support global projects, understand our positive contribution and welcome international visitors.**
- **There is an understanding of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their relevance to Wales.**



## Disablers

Achieving this goal is **less likely to happen** when...

- **There is a fundamental lack of understanding about what being globally responsible means.**
- **Politicians and other senior leaders take a 'look after Wales first' approach alone.**
- **There aren't measures or indicators to map what impactful approaches to being globally responsible looks like.**
- **Organisations are tied into existing arrangements – such as procurement contracts, which limits opportunities.**
- **Relevant expertise in organisations is limited and siloed.**





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## 1: Ethical Consumption and Procurement

Ensuring that our supply chains are fair,  
ethical and sustainable



## Defining the issue

The decisions we make day to day, when we buy, contract or procure goods and services have impacts, both locally and globally. A third of the world's population live on less than a dollar a day and the current trading system is failing them. Fair Trade can help change this. The £6 billion public purse in Wales is a powerful tool to deliver social, environmental, cultural and economic sustainability. Behind everything we buy is a

person, and by paying that person a fair price for goods, we can support them to send their children to school, put food on the table and plan for the future. We can also ensure that we use only our fair share of the earth's natural resources and protect our marine and forest habitats, including deforestation strategies that mitigates climate change.

### Synergies and connections to other journeys



#### **Journey to a prosperous Wales**

**Topic 1:** Fair and local procurement



#### **Journey to a resilient Wales**

**Topic 5:** Using natural resources



## Making **Simple** Changes

**Review your procurement policy** and ensure that it includes fair and ethical practices (to include [fair trade](#), [marine stewardship council](#) and [forestry stewardship council](#)).

E.g. [Welsh Government](#) tell us how they're doing it

**Check** whether your contracts meet the requirements of the [Modern Slavery Act / Code of conduct](#).

**Source locally** where possible, so that you can bring added value to the local economy, improve skills and reduce carbon emissions.

**Source reused/recycled products** where possible, such as paper in your printer or even your furniture and floor tiles.

E.g. the procurement work and office move from [Public Health Wales](#).

**Use only Recycled Paper**, set a date to be paper free, and when printing move towards using only soy-based inks.

**Sign up to [electronicswatch.com](#)** - they focus on monitoring electronic supply chains, from components to final assembly and manufacturing, supporting ethical procurement of equipment.'

**Promote sustainable** organisational certification systems including [BCorp](#) and [Green Dragon](#).

**Support your staff** to deepen their understanding of the complex sustainable certification schemes such as [Fairtrade](#), [marine stewardship council](#), [forestry stewardship council](#), [Rainforest Alliance](#), [Eco-cert](#) and [Organic](#), so that staff are aware of their differences and appropriate contract and policy decisions can be made.

**Analyse and publish** your public procurement spend, paying close attention to where money goes in terms of geography, sector and in terms of business type. This will help minimise negative impact.

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## Being More **Adventurous**

**Review and develop** your food policy and procurement contracts to increase product range to include fair, ethical and sustainable fruit, juice, snacks and other food where possible, and include palm-oil free / sustainable palm oil in your food contracts to ensure that natural habitats are being maintained.

**Review and develop** your workwear policy and procurement contracts to increase product range to include fair, ethical and sustainable textiles/workwear/uniforms.

E.g. [Welshpool High School](#), [Ysgol Hafan y Mor](#) and [Transport for London](#)

**Review and develop** policy to ensure your supply chain is sustainable for all sourced materials, including aggregates, paint, vehicle and oil-based products and include [conflict-free](#) requirements in all your contracts and tenders.

**Ensure all of your contracts** meet the requirements of the [Modern Slavery Act/Code of Practice](#).

**Procure conflict-free** electronics through independent verification schemes such as [electronicswatch.com](#) and [Greenpeace Guide to Electronics](#) so that the minerals and natural resources are sustainable and ethical.

**Apply for sustainable** organisational certifications.

E.g. [BCorp](#) and [Green Dragon](#) in tenders and contract bids.

**Deliver updates/training** so existing and new staff are aware of changes to sustainable certification schemes, empowering staff to make appropriate contract and policy decisions – this could include asking your local Fair Trade group or [Fair Trade Wales](#) to come and talk to you.

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## Being More **Adventurous**

**Become a paper-free office** and work towards becoming [zero waste](#).

**Support sole traders, small businesses**, – [social enterprises](#), community interest companies (CIC), and BAME businesses to successfully deliver services.

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E.g Welsh Government is currently sourcing some of its hospitality items from [Fair Dos](#) and Caerphilly CBC sources its milk from a local dairy.

## Owning your **Ambition**

### Collaborative or national actions

**Wales** has a fully functional [circular economy](#).

**Wales** is a [carbon neutral](#) nation.

**Wales** maintains its status as a [Fair Trade Nation](#).

### Organisational actions

Take a [Lifecycle Management Approach](#) to procurement and consumption so that 100% of your tea, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit, juice, soft drinks, snacks, clothing, IT, are fair trade/ethically and sustainably sourced, and demonstrated through robust systems of evaluation, which incorporate the refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle principle.

**You ensure** that every person in your supply chain is treated fairly and sustainably and no harm is incurred to humans or the environment.

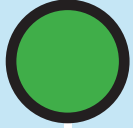
## Other examples and resources



[WRAP Cymru](#)



[New Economics Foundation](#)



[Progressive Economics for  
People and Place](#)